

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of                                  | ) |                                 |
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| Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service    | ) |                                 |
| Pine Cellular Phones, Inc. Petition for Agreement | ) | CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 06-1888 |
| With Redefinition of Service Area of Alltel       | ) |                                 |
| Oklahoma, Inc. in the State of Oklahoma           | ) |                                 |
| Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)                 | ) |                                 |

**COMMENTS OF THE  
OKLAHOMA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
REGARDING THE PROPOSED REDEFINITION OF THE SERVICE AREA  
OF  
ALLTEL OKLAHOMA, INC.  
IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
PURSUANT TO 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c)**

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The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (the OCC) submits these comments in response to the Public Notice issued in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 06-1888, in which the Federal Communications Commission (the Commission, the FCC) requested comment regarding the "Commission's agreement with the decision of the Oklahoma Commerce Commission (OCC) to redefine the service area of Alltel Oklahoma, Inc., a rural telephone company in Oklahoma, at the wire center level."<sup>1</sup> The OCC wishes to respectfully note three points. First, the name of the regulatory body in Oklahoma that has jurisdiction over the intrastate activities of providers of telecommunications services within the state is the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, rather than the Oklahoma Commerce Commission as was published in the FCC's Public Notice.

Second, in OCC Order No. 528700 issued on August 22, 2006 in Cause No. PUD 200500467 (attached), the OCC determined that redefinition of Windstream Oklahoma, Inc.'s (f/k/a ALLTEL Oklahoma, Inc.'s) study area at the exchange level, not the wire center level, is in the public interest. While these two terms are often interchangeable, it is important to note that an exchange must have at least one wire center, but it may have more than one. The OCC found redefinition at the exchange level to be in the public interest, but would oppose redefinition at the wire center level.

Third, Pine Cellular Phones, Inc. requested redefinition at the exchange level, rather than the wire center level.

Redefinition of the Alltel study area is necessary for Pine Cellular to receive FUSF for the Battiest and Smithville exchanges. The OCC has determined that it is in the public interest to redefine the Alltel study area. In addition to the OCC approval, 47 C.F.R.

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<sup>1</sup> See Pine Cellular Phones, Inc. Petition for Agreement with Redefinition of Service Area of Alltel Oklahoma, Inc. in the State of Oklahoma Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.207(c), CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed Sept. 7, 2006).

54.207(c) requires agreement with the redefinition by the Commission. Redefinition of the service area requirement for the Battiest and Smithville exchanges will promote the universal service goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pine Cellular respectfully requests that the Commission approve the redefinition of the service area requirement, pursuant to Section 54.207(c). This will enable Pine Cellular to receive FUSF support to facilitate the provision of competitive telephone services and promote further access to advanced services to rural consumers located in Battiest and Smithville, Oklahoma.

The OCC respectfully requests that ALLTEL Oklahoma, Inc.'s study area be redefined at the exchange level, rather than the wire center level.

Respectfully submitted,

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